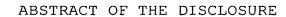
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Provided is a cosmetic composition, which comprises

(A) at least one moisture retaining component selected from the group consisting of amino acids and salts thereof, pyrrolidonecarboxylic acid and salts thereof, lactic acid and salts thereof, urea and betaines; and (B) at least one sesquiterpene alcohol. This cosmetic composition exhibits high effects for alleviating the rough or moisture-lost skin and improving the skin condition such as dry skin or sensitive skin.